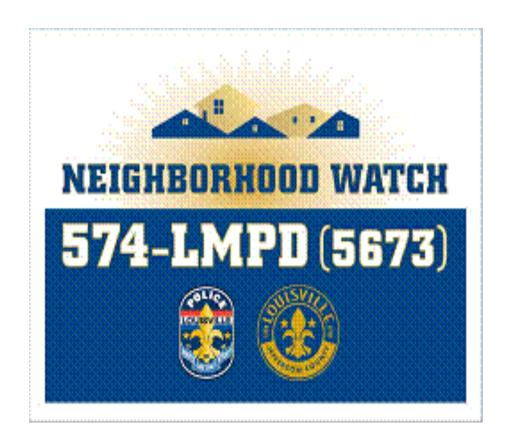
# District 8 Neighborhood Watch Toolkit



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#### LOUISVILLE METRO COUNCIL

BRANDON COAN
DISTRICT 8 COUNCILMAN

JASMINE MASTERSON LEGISLATIVE AIDE

Dear Neighbor,

Organizing Against Crime is one of my five Strategic Goals for District 8. We will develop organizational capacity and focus on communication to prevent crime. We will be a destination of welcome for all, but we will not tolerate violence or intimidation of any kind.

One objective toward achieving this goal is Building Out District 8's Neighborhood Watch Network, including an initiative to register 50% of (the 1,173) District 8 blocks as having active watch clubs by the end of 2020. This is important because improved reporting to local law enforcement is the key to better policing, crime information updates, service requests and overall community engagement.

The purpose of this District 8 Neighborhood Watch Toolkit is to give every D-8 neighborhood, home rule city, subdivision, homeowners and condominium association and apartment complex the tools and training (to be provided by the Louisville Metro Police Department) to operate a best practice block watch.

The following information and resources will help you establish and register a new watch club and protect your home and family by preventing crime before it occurs. The time and effort required to get started is minimal but the impact of being part of a neighborhood watch is significant! As Margaret Mead might have said, never doubt that a small group of thoughtful, committed neighbors in partnership with LMPD can help keep your neighborhood safe!

If you have any questions about this toolkit or want to request further assistance in organizing a new neighborhood watch club, please call me at (502) 574-1108 or email brandon.coan@louisvilleky.gov. Thank you for taking ownership of your own safety and for being a leader in our community!

Councilman Brandon Coan

# Guide to Establishing a Neighborhood Watch

#### What is Neighborhood Watch?

Neighborhood Watch is a crime prevention program. It is an active partnership between the Louisville Metro Police Department and area residents to reduce the incidence of fear and crime in their neighborhoods. Neighborhood Watch uses citizen involvement to secure their homes and personal property and report any suspicious activity to the police. This crime prevention and education program increases community awareness so the citizen knows what to look for and how to report it.

**Reasons for a Neighborhood Watch.** The Neighborhood Watch program is a vital network that provides each resident with the knowledge and resources to help prevent crime. This is done by some of the following methods:

- Home Security making homes more secure.
- Property Identification marking personal property so it can be easily identified.
- Public Safety learning various safety techniques to reduce the risk of being victimized in public areas.
- Neighborhood Awareness recognizing suspicious activities and how to report them.
- Know Your Neighbors know each other and their routines so that any unusual activity can be reported and investigated.
- Partnership with Police Working with the police to address neighborhood concerns.
- 574-LMPD Tip Line Taking an active role on your block may even help in solving the crimes and concerns in our community. The 574-LMPD Tip Line is a great tool for citizens to provide information that can directly assist in creating a healthy community.
- Familiarity with City Resources Through a block watch, citizens can engage
  with tools like MetroWatch, an online crime-mapping tool that allows one to view
  the types of crime that have occurred in a neighborhood.
  - http://www.louisvilleky.gov/metropolice/

#### What Are the Responsibilities of Captains and Co-Captains?

- The position of Captain should be a shared responsibility between two people or co-captains. This is done so that if one individual needs general assistance and cannot be present, or is unable to continue fulfilling his/her responsibilities, the job will still be done. It also helps neighbors to learn to work together as a team and to become better acquainted, thereby promoting a greater sense of community.
- Distribute information to neighborhood watch group members, such as meeting date and location notices, special events and functions and police department communications to the area.
- Coordinate all activities for the Neighborhood Watch, such as meetings, parties and activities to increase membership and maintain interest.
- Ensure the up-to-date maintenance of the membership list.
- Create a Neighborhood Watch phone tree listing each neighbor's name, address, and phone number. Give each neighbor a copy and regularly update this information.
- Ensure that any emergency-related incident that takes place is immediately reported first to 911, non-emergency incidents are reported to 574-7111 (Urban area) or 574-2111 (Suburban area), and then to the other members of the Neighborhood Watch.
- Greet new neighbors who move into your neighborhood, educate them about the Neighborhood Watch program and invite them to join the Neighborhood Watch.
- Act as a liaison between members of the Neighborhood Watch and police.
- Maintain an updated neighborhood map.
- Create a list of all surveillance cameras or other equipment to aid in the investigation of crimes.

#### What Are the Responsibilities of Members?

- Attend Neighborhood Watch meetings.
- Implement security measures suggested by law enforcement after a "Home Security Survey" has been completed for each member's home.
- Identify a friend or neighborhood watch member to pick up your mail and newspaper and watch your home if gone for a period of time.
- Participate in Operation Identification. It is a program designed to mark all
  valuables. Mark valuables with driver's license numbers, home and apartment
  numbers or initials (never social security numbers). This will help properly
  identify valuables if recovered after being lost or stolen. Always keep a record of
  this information in a safe place. Hand etchers may be obtained from LMPD.
- Learn neighbors' names and be able to recognize them and their vehicles without hesitation.
- Participate in the phone tree program.
- Watch neighbors' homes and report any suspicious activities to the police and neighbors.
- Write down a description of any suspicious looking people or vehicles, and report them to the police.
- Do not take any risks to prevent a crime or try to make an arrest. It is important to be a good witness.

#### What Is the Role of the Police in Your Neighborhood Watch?

The role of the police is to protect and serve. The Division Resource Officer ("DRO") will determine the best approach to take with any given situation. The DRO is available to:

- Address and provide information on crime concerns you may have about your area.
- Provide tips and advice that will help you not become a victim.
- Assist you in completing a "Home Security Survey".
- Attend meetings, if appropriate, with advance notice.

#### **Gauging Neighborhood Interest**

**Is the interest there?** As a citizen interested in starting a Watch Club for your street, talk to your neighbors to determine if they are interested in participating in Neighborhood Watch and helping you get it started. Knock on doors, call around and distribute the brochure included in this toolkit. If someone expresses interest in participating, have them fill out a sign-up sheet (one is included in this toolkit) to collect their information.

Attend a Neighborhood Watch Workshop hosted by Councilman Coan and LMPD to learn more about establishing a local watch club. Look for workshop dates in the latest edition of District 8 eNews or online.

Once determined that there is enough interest in forming a watch club, the next steps are to coordinate introductory and organizational meetings.

#### The Introductory and Organizational Meetings

The following pages explain the process leading up to the first and second Neighborhood Watch meetings, and subsequent actions. This information is relevant for citizens coordinating a Watch meeting for their street, subdivision, condo complex, home rule city or neighborhood. The first meeting will introduce interested neighbors to their Division Resource Officer and the responsibilities and resources of a Neighborhood Watch. The second meeting will be an organizational meeting to elect leadership, determine roles, and further coordinate the functions of the watch club. Each meeting will take about an hour, and can be combined into one meeting if that is preferred. This guide will address the meetings separately.

Following the introductory and organizational meetings, you and your neighborhood watch will decide how frequent to hold subsequent meetings and what you would like to do in those meetings. Information is included at the end of this section about obtaining neighborhood watch signs and about subsequent meetings.

#### **Preparing for the Introductory Meeting**

**Meeting Details.** Weekday evening meetings are the norm and usually begin at 6:00, 6:30, or 7:00 p.m., when people are available after work. Good areas to meet are in your home, a neighbor's home, a community meeting space, or even at the LMPD Fifth Division headquarters near the Douglass Community Center. It is up to you and your neighbors to reserve the space. Meetings should last no more than 1 to 1 1/2 hours. Make sure to record every participant's name, address, phone number and email address for future reference and the set-up for the Phone Tree.

**Coordinate with your Division Resource Officer.** You must give your Division Resource Officer a 3 to 4 week notice for any meeting to make sure he/she is available.

Call LMPD Community Relations Director, Patsy Renee Stigall, at (502) 574-7427, to start a Neighborhood Watch. A Division Resource Officer will then contact you to set-up a date, time and place for the first introductory meeting. After the initial meeting, the DRO and your group leadership will maintain contact to coordinate future meetings and events.

**Give advance notice to your neighbors.** Once you have the date, time and place, notify your neighbors at least two weeks in advance of the meeting. Even if not interested initially, make sure everyone is aware if they decide they want to check it out! As the neighbor coordinating the first meeting you and your neighbors will need to contact other neighbors about the Watch meeting. You can call them, distribute flyers door-to-door or post notices in visible areas, such as at entrance and exit points in the neighborhood or subdivision, if applicable.

#### The Introductory Meeting

**The Introductory Meeting** will serve as an opportunity to introduce everyone that is not already acquainted as well as introducing everyone to the Division Resource Officer and what a neighborhood watch is.

To begin the meeting, introduce yourself and allow everyone to have a chance to introduce themselves. Circulate sign-up sheets to those who have not filled them out, and then collect them. Introduce the Division Resource Officer, who will take the lead on the meeting.

The Resource Officer will primarily address your group at the first meeting and speak about:

- The benefits of a Neighborhood Watch.
- The duties and responsibilities of (co-)captains and members.
- Area crime statistics and patterns.
- Crime prevention methods.

The resource officer will speak for about 45 minutes to an hour, including answering questions. Following the officer's conclusion, the watch group will then decide on the date, time and location of the second (organizational) meeting.

#### The Organizational Meeting

**The Organizational Meeting** will follow the introductory meeting and will be where you begin organizing your Neighborhood Watch. The following actions will need to be completed by the end of this meeting:

- Choose a captain and co-captain.
  - Refer to the roles and responsibilities sheet.
- Decide where and how often your neighborhood watch club will meet (bi-weekly, monthly, etc.).
- Determine what are the major problems and concerns that neighbors would like to see addressed and how the Neighborhood Watch can address them.
- Begin developing an agenda of topics to discuss at subsequent meetings.
- Determine where you want your Neighborhood Watch signs posted.
- Complete the Neighborhood Watch Club Registration form.

 This form is required to be recognized as an official watch group. The form is located in the attached documents.

Your Resource Officer can assist your group with questions you may have.

#### **Next Steps**

Now that your Neighborhood Watch has been formed, meeting times established and roles and duties assigned, you are ready to begin! Coordinating with your neighbors and watch group, along with LMPD and your Resource Officer, you can begin to make your neighborhood safer!

Attached in this guide are both a sample agenda and list of potential topics in the resources section for future meetings. You might also consider dedicating future meetings to single topics and inviting guests to speak.

This toolkit also contains resources and contacts to help in the establishment, sustainability and success of your Neighborhood Watch. The rest of this guide will introduce you to those materials.

#### Requesting Neighborhood Watch Signage

**To request Neighborhood Watch Signage.** All neighborhood watches in need of new or updated signage must be registered and active. Sign requests and questions about signs should be directed to Patsy Renee Stigall at 574-7427 or Patsy.Stigall@louisvilleky.gov

How many signs can we receive? Each watch group and neighborhood is unique. The rule of thumb is one to two signs per club. Some groups require more. Signs are specific to the location of the watch group. It is appropriate for a sign to be erected in the middle of long streets, on public easements, corresponding street corners and

intersections. Usually the groups know what is best for them and are reasonable about the number of signs that are needed for their Watch. The Resource Officer and Patsy Renee Stigall are available to provide guidance.

**Installation List Priority.** Public Works will only accept requests to install neighborhood watch signs from Patsy Renee Stigall. Metro Public Works processes such service requests within 10 days, and neighborhood watch signs are installed as a routine maintenance request. Many times the signs are installed within two weeks but waits can last as long as 45 days.

Louisville Metro Public Works and Assets follows the Manual of Uniform Traffic Control Devices (MUTCD) code to install all signs. Neighborhood Watch signs will be installed in the public right of way and not on private property. Public Works inspectors will only erect signs on the easement of subdivision, apartment and condominium complex entrances.

Home Rule Cities. Louisville Metro government collaborates with home rule cities to promote the Neighborhood Watch program so that uniform program information is disseminated across Jefferson County. Louisville Metro Public Works & Assets cannot install signage inside home rule cities, however. Home rule cities may request Neighborhood Watch signage, but Metro Public Works will only install such signage in the public right of way near the entrance to the city's boundary. If a home rule city would like to pick-up the signage from the Metro Public Works Sign Shop on Lexington Road and install it within their boundaries, they may install the signs themselves.

# Resources for Your Neighborhood Watch

#### Resources in this Toolkit

#### **Resources for Getting Started**

#### Guide

• This guide outlines the steps to establish a neighborhood watch.

#### **Neighborhood Watch Brochure**

An informational brochure highlighting the impact of neighborhood watch.

#### **Member Sign-Up Sheet**

A form to collect contact information for interested neighbors.

#### **Watch Club Registration Form**

The form to submit to LMPD for official recognition as a neighborhood watch.

#### Checklist

• A checklist of major actions and steps to establish your neighborhood watch.

#### **Example Agenda and Potential Topics**

An example agenda and list of special meeting topics.

#### Resources for Individuals and Homeowners

#### **Neighborhood Watch Resident Reference Form**

• A form to reference neighboring households and their pertinent information.

#### **Phone Tree**

• A resource to quickly communicate with participants in the neighborhood watch.

#### **Auto and Personal Property Inventory**

• A form for homeowners to inventory major personal property and automobiles.

#### **Home Security Survey**

A survey for homeowners to identify and address home security issues.

#### **Crime Prevention Tips**

A list of tips and advice to help deter crime.

#### **Daily Watch Guide**

• A listing of the daily expectations for neighborhood watch members.

#### **Suspect Description**

 A teaching tool to properly describe an alleged criminal suspect, weapons and vehicles.

#### **Resource Numbers**

Contact information for LMPD, Emergency Services, and other city services.

#### LMPD 5<sup>th</sup> Division Beats Map

• A map of LMPD 5<sup>th</sup> Division Coverage and patrol beats.

#### **Digital Resources**

Links and supplemental materials that can be found on the District 8 Webpage.

**Resources for Getting Started** 

#### Reminders for You and Your Neighbors

- 1) Keep lawn equipment and other valuables in a secure area. Mark valuables so that if something is stolen it can be identified when found. A lot of items are recovered at pawn shops.
- 2) Inspect doors, garages and windows to make sure they are secured properly and with good locks. Garages doors should be closed when not in use and secured overnight.
- 3) Remove valuables from vehicles overnight even when they are parked in the driveway.
- 4) Are homes in need of additional exterior lighting? Check all lights to make sure they work. All globes should be clean and unbroken. Driveways, front yards, garage doors and residence numbers should be lit. Motion sensor lights can be used in the front and back of the home. Street lights should be spaced properly and not have anything blocking them. Timers may be used with interior lamps.
- 5) Leave a radio or television plugged into a timer when away from the house to confuse a possible intruder with the noise.

**Question:** Who do I call when something happens?

Emergency

9-1-1

An emergency is a situation that poses an immediate risk to health, life, property or environment.

MetroSafe Dispatch **574-7111** 

Anonymous Crime Tip Line **574-LMPD (5673)** 

Report by Phone **574-4661** 

Metro Call **311 or 574-5000** 

Register online with your LMPD Division to receive alerts on crimes in your beat.

- Log onto www.LouisvilleKy.gov
- Go to Metro Police
- Go to the Division of your choice.
- At the bottom of the page you will see New! Subscribe to Crime Alerts by Beat.
- Click where indicated to get registered to receive alerts and crime information in your neighborhood.

#### **Division Resource Officers**

**First Division** 574-7167 416 N. 29<sup>th</sup> St. Louisville, KY 40212 Second Division 574-2478 3419 Bohne Ave. Louisville, KY 40211 **Third Division** 574-2135 7219 Dixie Hwy. Southwest Government Center Louisville, KY 40258 **Fourth Division** 574-7010 1340 S. 4<sup>th</sup> St. Louisville, KY 40208 **Fifth Division** 574-7636 2301 Douglass Blvd. Louisville, KY 40205 **Sixth Division** 574-2187 5600 Shepherdsville Rd. 2 Park Jefferson Center Louisville, KY 40228 574-2133 **Seventh Division** 7201 Outer Loop Central Government Center Louisville, KY 40228 **Eighth Division** 574-2258 200 Juneau Dr. Louisville, KY 40243

# Louisville Metro Police Department



# Neighborhood Watch Program

#### Call 574-7427 to get started!

**Question:** What is Neighborhood Watch and who is involved in it?

- 1) Neighborhood Watch or Neighborhood Block Watch is a *Crime Prevention Program*.
- 2) It is an active partnership between the Louisville Metro Police Department and area residents to reduce the incidence of fear and crime in their neighborhoods.

**Question:** What is the value in having a Neighborhood Watch where I live?

- 1) Neighborhood Watch is a national program and is the most effective means available for keeping crime out of neighborhoods. It relies on the best crime fighting tool ever invented, a good neighbor. Fortunately, good neighbors are found everywhere. They live in houses, apartment buildings, urban, suburban and rural areas.
- 2) The greatest thing about Neighborhood Watch is that it encourages neighbors to get to know each other and it makes them aware of their surroundings. When unusual activity is detected neighbors will report it to the police so it can be investigated.

3) A Resource Officer will educate neighbors in crime reporting and suspect identification techniques; making homes more secure;

properly identifying personal property; and reducing the risk of being victimized in public areas. These crime prevention strategies can be used as tools to reduce crime in their communities.

4) Neighborhood Watch members place stickers in their windows and post signs on streets warning criminals they are in an active Neighborhood Watch community, and that "neighbors are watching out for each other."

**Question:** When is the best time to start a Neighborhood Watch?

- 1) The best time to start a Neighborhood Watch is before an incident occurs. Normally, Neighborhood Watch is started after an incident. The community has the primary responsibility for fighting crime. The most effective approach is stopping crime before it occurs.
- 2) With Neighborhood Watch the community is empowered because together with the police, people can set the standards for tolerance in their neighborhoods.

**Question:** What does it take to get a Neighborhood Watch started in my neighborhood?

- 1) The Louisville Metro Police Department will assist in starting a Neighborhood Watch in your neighborhood.
- 2) *Call (502) 574-7427 to get started.* The community outreach coordinator will be happy to talk to you about starting a Neighborhood Watch and send you program material to review.
- 3) Once you review the material talk to your neighbors. Are your neighbors interested? Are they aware of or concerned about specific crime problems in your area?
- 4) Coordinate the formation of your Neighborhood Watch with your police division and invite your neighbors to their first meeting.

5) If a location is needed, you and your neighbors can possibly arrange to meet at the LMPD substation community room, in your neighbor's home or yard, local church, or school.

A Division Resource Officer will attend your first meeting to assist with the initial organization of the Neighborhood Watch, address and provide information on crime concerns specific to your neighborhood or community, and instruct members on home security and crime reporting skills.

- 6) The Neighborhood Watch belongs to you so you must elect officers. Choose a captain and cocaptain at your first or second organizational meeting and set regularly scheduled meetings for your Watch group throughout the year. You can choose to meet quarterly, every six months or once a year. Review the program material with the members as you recruit them.
- 7) At meetings you establish a relationship with your Resource Officers; learn about the latest crimes in your area; choose captains and cocaptains for your streets; learn how to be safer in your home and surroundings; talk to and get to know your neighbors better; become updated on who has moved in and out of your neighborhood; and determine the best way to contact each other.

Develop an email and/or phone tree with captains and co-captains so everyone can be in contact with each other about meetings and when something happens.

8) A Division Resource Officer can attend future meetings to answer questions about crime, address neighborhood concerns, quality of life issues and provide information about police procedures.

**Question:** What is the 574-LMPD (5673) crime tip hotline?

With the 574-LMPD crime tip hotline every citizen is given the opportunity to make their community a safer place to live. Citizens are encouraged to call the crime tip hotline to provide information about a crime or criminal activity. Operators are available to receive calls 24 hours a day 7 days a week. The caller may remain anonymous.

**Question:** What can I do to keep crime away?

Be more vigilant! If you see a stranger on your street or in your complex, call the police. If the person looks like they don't belong in the neighborhood or on the street based on some of the activities described below, don't ignore it. Get a description of the person so when you call the police they can identify the person. Don't worry that you are going to bother the police by calling about something that isn't a problem. Leave the situation up to them.

**Question:** What kinds of activities should I look for?

- 1) Persons loitering around schools, parks, secluded areas or in the neighborhood may be dangerous.
- 2) Someone looking in windows of houses and parked cars.
- 3) Open or broken windows at a closed business or residence whose owners are absent may mean a burglary in progress or already completed.
- 4) Someone screaming or shouting for help.
- 5) Property being taken out of houses where no one is at home or from closed businesses.
- 6) Cars, vans, or trucks moving slowly with no apparent destination or without lights. Occupants may be "casing" for places to rob or burglarize, or could be drug pushers or sex offenders.
- 7) Anyone being forced into a vehicle or a stranger sitting in a car or stopping to talk to a child.
- 8) Parked, occupied vehicles containing one or more persons is especially significant if observed at an unusual hour. They could be lookouts for a crime in progress.
- 9) Talk about concerns and problems with your neighbors.





# Neighborhood Watch Sign-up Sheet

Please enter your information below. Only include information that you feel comfortable

sharing. Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Home Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Cell Phone: Work Phone: Please select how you would like your e-mail used: ( ) List my e-mail on the neighborhood watch list. This information will ONLY be given to those listed on your neighborhood watch group list. ( ) **Do Not list** my e-mail on the neighborhood watch list, but it can be used by the coordinators to send information to me. Any additional information you would like us to know? You can mail this back, or drop it by the address below: (This is your Neighborhood Watch Captain) Name \_\_\_\_\_ Address

Thank you for your interest in creating a neighborhood watch!

Phone\_\_\_\_\_



## Louisville Metro Neighborhood Watch Club Registration

All Neighborhood Watch Clubs must complete this Neighborhood Watch Club Registration form. Please email, fax or mail your completed Registration Form to the **Louisville Metro Police Department (LMPD) Community Relations Unit** (address below) at your earliest convenience.

Date:		
Current Neighborhood Watch status (check what i	is relevant):	
☐ Captain ☐ Co-Captain ☐ Active participant/not a Captain or Co-Captain ☐ No longer active participant ☐ Please remove my name from your list and replac ☐ Please contact me about revitalizing my Neighbor  PRIMARY CONTACT OR CAPTAIN  Name:	hood Watch.	
If your address changes or another member is elected Patsy Renee Stigall in LMPD Community Relations (		
Address:		
City:	State:	Zip:
Phone (H):	Phone (W):	
Fax:	Cell:	
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Date Neighborhood Watch Club was started:		
Name of neighborhood/suburban city where Neighborhood Watch is located:		
What blocks, streets, subdivision, condo complex or apartment complex does your Neighborhood Watch cover?		

Neighborhood Watch? (e.g. North – Broadway, South – Kentucky Street, East – 5<sup>th</sup> Street, West – 7<sup>th</sup> Street) Number of homes, apartments, condos, etc. in your Neighborhood Watch: Police Division: Metro Council District: Date/Location of your last Neighborhood Watch meeting: How many people usually attend your Neighborhood Watch meetings? When was the last time you invited your Metro Council Member to your Neighborhood Watch meeting? Is there a Division Resource Officer (DRO) or police officer that is directly connected to your Neighborhood Watch Club? DRO or Officer's Name: What is the greatest safety threat/crime issue in your neighborhood today? Is there a request for individual Home Security Surveys? ☐ Yes ☐ No (Please track Home Security Surveys completed on separate tracking form) **REQUEST for Neighborhood Watch Signage** window decal(s) for our Neighborhood Watch. We currently have an old sign(s) that need to be replaced located at: We are requesting our first Neighborhood Watch sign(s). Sign Location. Accurately describe the location of where you would like your sign(s) placed. See example below. If a utility pole is not available, a metal pole will be provided for the sign by Public Works. (Example: Attach sign to utility pole at NW corner of Smith and Baker streets, facing Baker Street)

What are the directional boundaries of your



Louisville Metro Police Department
Police Headquarters, Community Relations, 633 W. Jefferson St., Louisville, KY 40202
Neighborhood Watch (502) 574-7427 FAX (502) 574-4468

#### Neighborhood Watch Captain/Co-Captain Check list

Task	Who is assigned	By When	Completed
Getting Organized			
Choose Organizer(s) - Captain or Co-Captains			
Contact Neighbors and find out who is interested (fill out NHW Sign up)			
Contact 5th Division Resource Officer at 574-7636 to schedule first meeting			
Make sure all neighbors know when and where the 1st meeting is taking place			
Set an agenda for 1st meeting			
1st Meeting - Introductory Meeting			
Have DRO talk about program in your Neighborhood			
Distribute Resource Numbers, Suspect and Vehicle Idenitification Forms			
Schedule your Organizational Meeting			
Hand out and collect completed Neighborhood Watch Sign-Ups			
Contact households that weren't at initial meeting			
2nd Meeting - Organizational Meeting			
Determine major concerns and how NW can address them			
Create Phone/email tree from sign-up sheets			
Decide on date, location, and frequency of meetings (monthly, quartly, etc)			
Decide on topic(s) for next meeting(s)			
Fill out Registration and email to LMPD Community Relations at Patsy.Stigall@louisvilleky.gov			
Signage			
Decide on location of Neighborhood Watch sign			
Contact LMPD Community Relations Patsy.Stigall@louisvilleky.gov with location for NHW sign			
Signs Posted by Louisville Metro Works			
Ongoing			
Complete Resident Refernce Sheet			
Create a Block Map			
Distribute and Complete Home Safety Surveys			
Complete/Maintain Resident Automobile and Property Inventory			
Maintain Updated Phone Tree			

#### **Meeting Resources**

#### **Example Agenda**

- Welcome and sign-in
- · Call to order
- Introductions
- Overview of neighborhood watch activities
- · Discuss neighborhood issues and crime
- Crime prevention presentations
- Issues for next meeting
- · Where the next meeting will be held
- Adjourn/Refreshments

#### Potential Topics for discussion at Neighborhood Watch Meetings

- What does suspicious activity look like?
- Knowing how and what to report when you see something in your neighborhood.
- Best ways to secure your home and vehicle and how to prevent opportunities for criminals
- Guest speakers like council members or business leaders in your district
- Animal Control or other Metro Government departments
- Domestic Violence and resources for victims
- Drug/Narcotics Awareness
- Learn crime prevention techniques such as home security, personal safety and Operation Identification.
- How LMPD operates –Patrol, Criminal investigations units, Dispatch, Crime information Center, Special Events and Leadership

Your Resource Officer and the Office of Councilman Coan can help with topic selection and speaker selection

# Resources for Individuals and Homeowners

Neighborhood Watch Residence Reference						
	Date:					
Residence	Resid	ents		ontact Phone Informati		Other
Address	Adults	Children	Home	Cell	Work	Camera Y/N

#### The Phone Tree

- The *Phone Tree* provides a way to quickly communicate with every participant in the Neighborhood Watch. Each home can be contacted about suspicious activity that is occurring, or general information that needs to be communicated to the entire Neighborhood Watch.
  - The Captain is to complete a call sheet with the name, address, phone, vehicle make, color, license of each resident. Once completed, the Captain is to ensure that all Watch members get a copy of the *Phone Tree*.
  - Each person on the sheet is designated to call one or two homes until all the homes have been notified as to what is happening. It is important to keep calling the homes you are assigned until they are contacted or until the emergency is over.
  - If the nature of the call is an emergency situation, call 911 first and report what is occurring. If it is not an emergency or if you have already called 911, then contact the person at the top of the list, the watch captain.
  - When contacted by someone on the tree, write the message down so you are sure of the information you are passing on, and then call the household(s) directly under you on the Phone Tree. If you are unable to reach the house directly below you, contact the next in line. Continue calling these homes that weren't contacted until they are reached.
  - The homes at the bottom of the tree are to call the individual at the top to indicate they have received the message, closing the communication loop.



### **PHONE TREE**

Neighborhood Block Watch

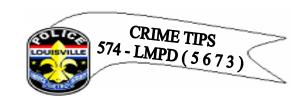
METRO METRO	Captain/ Co-captain			Co-captain
Name:			Name:	
Address:			Address:	
Phone			Phone	
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Owner	Address	Item	Make/Model	Serial #	Year purchased	Value	Location on property

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# Home Security Survey



DOORS: 1. Does door have a peep hole? 2. Are all doors locked at all times? 3. Are locks that can be opened from inside at least 40 inches from glass? 4. Do they have deadbolt locks?	YES	NO
5. If hinge pins are outside, are they non-removable?		
6. Does door securely fit door jamb?		
<ul><li>7. Is door jamb tightly fastened?</li><li>8. Is strike plate securely fastened to door jamb with 3 inch screws?</li></ul>		
9. Does bolt extend 1 – 1 ½" into strike plate?		
10. Have locks been re-keyed since you moved in?		
WINDOWS:		
11. Do your double-hung windows have removable pins?		
12. Do metal windows have auxiliary locks?		
13. Can windows have auxiliary locks?		
14. Do basement windows have auxiliary locks?		
15. Do curtains or drapes fully cover window?		
16. Is window air conditioner secured from inside?		
GARAGE:		
17. Does door close tightly?		
18. Does overhead door have a track padlock?		
19. Is padlock of high quality?		
20. Is hasp of high quality, installed without screws showing?		
21. Do you keep overhead door closed and locked at all times?		
22. Do you remove vehicle keys when garage is locked?		
23. Can garage light be turned on from inside home?		
EXTERIOR:		
24. Are shrubs cut below 30 inches?		
25. Are tree limbs cut above 8 feet high?		
26. Is residence number visible from street or alley, where applicable?		
27. Can mailbox be locked?		
28. Are front and back doors well lit?		
29. Do you have additional lighting?		
30. Are bicycles, mowers, ladders, etc. kept secured?		
Notations: For additional information concerning Neighborhood Watch, person prevention, contact District Resource Officer		
at		
Or 574-LMPD		



(This survey is for your own private use only)

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#### **CRIME PREVENTION TIPS**

House Numbers: House numbers should be visible day or night from the front and back. In rural

areas, name and number should be displayed on the mailbox. This is important for

the police officer or EMS unit responding to a complaint at your home. Be

conscious of Louisville Metro Ordinance § 156.053.

Property Identification:

Engrave all valuable property with a readily identifiable name or number of your choosing, starting with <u>KY</u>. Take recorded pictures of all valuables in your home and record all serial numbers. Keep this information in a safe place (other than at

home), such as in a safe deposit box, or with a friend or relative.

Neighborhood Watch Program:

If your neighborhood does not currently have a neighborhood watch program, please contact your local police division and ask for a District Resource Officer.

They would be eager to assist you.

Locks and Keys: An unlocked lock is not a lock! Habitually locking your home, closing and locking

Garage doors when away or at night is something everyone needs to do, even When working in the yard. You should re-key door locks whenever you move into an apartment or house. Re-keying locks is relatively inexpensive. Hiding a key

outside your house is NOT a good idea and should always be avoided.

Shrubbery: Are the doors and windows of you house hidden by shrubbery? If so, trim the

shrubs so the burglar is denied the opportunity to hide behind them.

Lighting: External security lighting is important, as well as interior lights. Exclusive use of

Lighting when the home is unoccupied might actually tip off the burglar. It is smart to use interior lights on a timer whenever you are going to be away from home at night. Motion detectors or dusk-to-dawn lights may be considered. Leaving a radio

or TV on my give the appearance someone is home.

Admitting Strangers:

Do NOT let a stranger into your home until you are satisfied that you know who they are and what the purpose of their visit is. Identification of salespeople, public utilities workers, repairmen, plainclothes police officers, and stranded strangers should always be required before opening the door. A wide-angle view (190 degrees) door viewer is an absolute must if visibility of callers is not possible. Partially opening the door with a door chain should be discouraged.

Vacation Plans: Make planning your security a part of you vacation plans.

Secure your home and leave some lights on a timer.

Leave a key with a trusted neighbor.

Make arrangements to have your lawn mowed.

Stop mail and newspaper delivery.

Contact the police department and ask for a house watch.

Ask a neighbor to park their car in your drive while you are gone.

Smoke Detector: Make sure that your smoke detector is working properly. Check the batteries

regularly.

Burglar Alarms: Alarms are an excellent tool for protecting your home, but they need to be serviced

and tested periodically. Learn about the LMPD Alarm Program. Be conscious of

Louisville metro False Alarm Ordinance § 127.14

Firearms: If you keep a firearm in your home, please store and handle it properly. Never

leave a loaded firearm where a child can find it. Use a trigger lock to prevent a

tragedy.



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#### **Neighborhood Watch Daily Guide**

As a member of a neighborhood watch you will be on the lookout every day to identify potentially dangerous or criminal situations. In conjunction with other coordinated activities of the Neighborhood Watch (such as block walks, meetings, etc.) you will keep an eye out for these kinds of situations and notify your block captain and LMPD if you notice suspicious activity. Refer to this section of the toolkit to know exactly what to look for and for other tips to help reduce crime.

#### What Kinds of Activities to Look For?

- Persons loitering around schools, parks, secluded areas or in the neighborhood may be dangerous.
- Someone looking in windows of houses and parked cars.
- Open or broken windows at a closed business or residence whose owners are absent may mean a burglary in progress or already completed.
- · Someone screaming or shouting for help.
- Property being taken out of houses where no one is at home or from closed businesses.
- Cars, vans, or trucks moving slowly with no apparent destination or without lights. Occupants may be "casing" for places to rob or burglarize, or could be drug pushers or sex offenders.
- Anyone being forced into a vehicle or a stranger sitting in a car or stopping to talk to a child.
- Parked, occupied vehicles containing one or more persons is especially significant if observed at an unusual hour. They could be lookouts for a crime in progress.
- Talk about concerns and problems with your neighbors.

#### **Reminders for You and Your Neighbors**

- Keep lawn equipment and other valuables in a secure area. Mark valuables so that if something is stolen it can be identified when found. A lot of items are recovered at pawnshops.
- Inspect doors, garages and windows to make sure they are secured properly and with good locks. Garages doors should be closed and secured overnight.
- Remove valuables from vehicles overnight even when they are parked in the driveway.
- Are homes in need of additional exterior lighting? Check all lights to make sure they work. All globes should be clean and unbroken. Driveways, front yards, garage doors and residence numbers should be lit. Motion sensor lights can be used in the front and back of the home. Streetlights should be spaced properly and not have anything blocking them. Timers may be used with interior lamps.
- Leave a radio or television plugged into a timer when away from the house to confuse a possible intruder with the noise.

#### Who Do You Call When Something Happens?

In an Emergency always dial 911

If not an emergency but still in need of a police response to an area dial the Non-Emergency Dispatch at (502)-574-7111 and Press 5

If you want to report a tip about a crime call the LMPD Crime Tip Line at (502)-574-LMPD

To Make a Report by Phone - (502)-574-4661

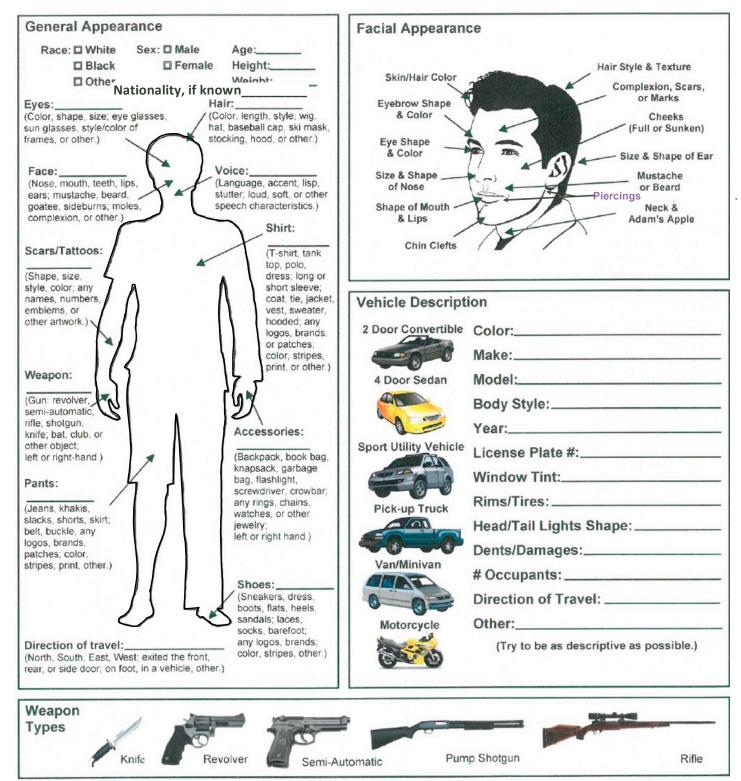
For questions or concerns about city services or public works, etc, call MetroCall at **311** If you have a question or concerning about your neighborhood watch call either LMPD Community Relations Director, Patsy Renee Stigall, at **(502)-574-7427** or reach out to your resource officer by calling the Fifth Division at **(502)-574-7636**.



#### **Suspect & Vehicle Description Sheet**



Immediately report any/all suspicious persons, vehicles, or activity to the Louisville Metro Police Department non-emergency dispatch at (502) 574-7111. (In the event of an emergency or crime in progress, dial 911!)



For further information, contact the Louisville Metro Police Department non-emergency dispatch at (502) 574-7111 or the 5<sup>th</sup> Division Resource Office, at (502) 574-7636 or email: 5thDiv.LMPD@ LouisvilleKy.gov.

To give anonymous information on criminal activity, call (502) 574-LMPD (574-5673).

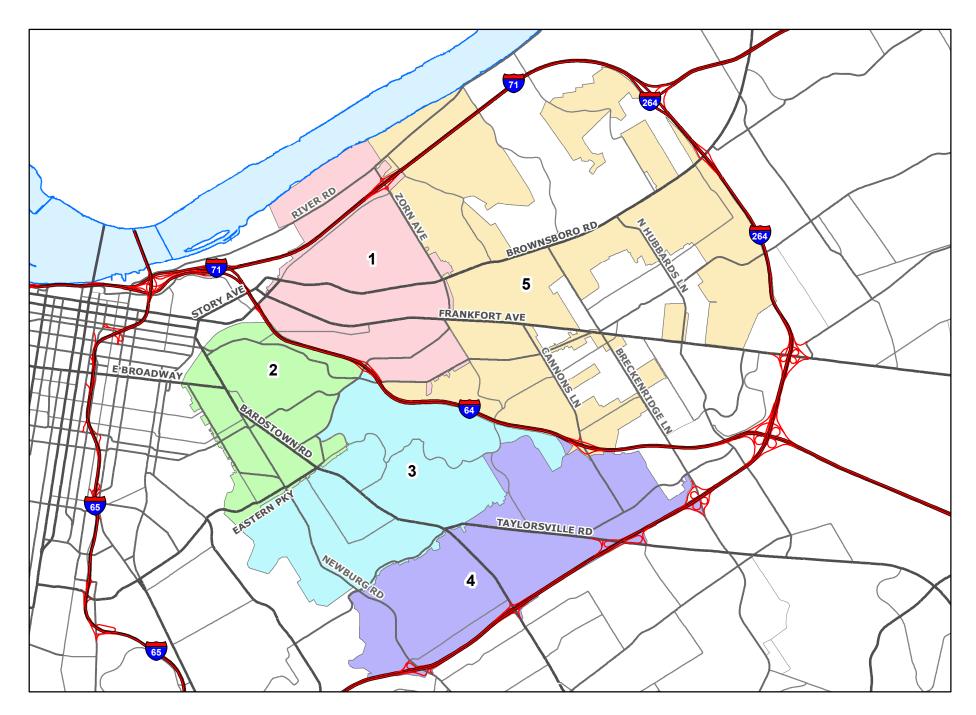
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Emergency: 911 Non-emergency (LMPD): 502-574-7111

LMPD 5th Division: 502-574-7636

Adult Protection Services   1-800-752-6200 or 1-877-597-2331		
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### Fifth Division Beats







#### **District 8 Crime Information and Digital Resources**

Go To: https://louisvilleky.gov/government/metro-council-district-8/district-8-data-documents#Crime

There are many resources related to neighborhood watch, crime, and neighborhood safety online. Many of these resources and links can be found on Councilman Coan's website under the *District 8 Data and Documents* Section. Within that section there is a District 8 Crime Information Section, where the digital version of this toolkit is located along with the following resources:

- Crime Updates
  - Subscribe and stay informed to receive Weekly Crime Updates and other important information from the LMPD 5th Division, which patrols District
     We must increase awareness and improve communication to ensure that no household is left alone to stay safe.
- LMPD 5th Division Weekly Crime Update Bulletin Archive
  - The Louisville Metro Police Department 5th Division protects and serves all of District 8 (on Beats 2, 3 and 4), as well as parts of Districts 4, 7, 9 and 10. Please note these crime reports cover the entire Fifth Division
- District 8 Neighborhood-by-Neighborhood Crime Report Archive
  - Currently covering Belknap, Bonnycastle, Cherokee Gardens, Cherokee Seneca, Cherokee Triangle, Deer Park, Highlands-Douglass, Original Highlands, Tyler Park and Upper Highlands (Gardiner Lane and Hayfield-Dundee).
- Crimemapping.com
  - To receive daily crime email updates specific to your home or business address, follow this link, click "Receive Alerts," and follow the simple instructions.
- District 8 Crime Statistics 2011-2016
- District 8 Adult Arrests 2011-2016
- LMPD and Fifth Division Resources
  - Fifth Division Map
  - Fifth Division Beats Map
  - Contacts and Other Resources
- Strathmoor Village Police Department

#### **Neighborhood Watch Presentation**

• The presentation included in the toolkit is the one used by Councilman Coan and LMPD in the workshops they host on forming a neighborhood watch.